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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON EGYPT-ISRAEL NEGOTIATIONS

1. REUTERS ITEM DATED APRIL 10 REPORTED ON ABC NEWS  
STORY FROM CAIRO CORRESPONDENT DOREEN KEYS. WOULD APPRE-  
CIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON PROBABLE SOURCE AND SIGNIFICANCE  
OF THIS REPORT. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: "ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAVE "IN THE WORKS" A  
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES COULD RESUME BY EARLY MAY, ABC REPORTED TODAY.  
A REPORT PREPARED FOR THE ABC NEWS PROGRAMME TONIGHT FROM  
CORRESPONDENT DOREEN KAYS IN CAIRO SAID EGYPT'S PRESIDENT  
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ANWAR SADAT MIGHT MEET JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN THIS WEEK TO  
DISCUSS PROPOSED DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

3. THE REPORT ALSO SAID ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAD WORKED OUT  
AN AGREEMENT ON THE SINAI.

4. QUOTING HIGHLY-PLACED SOURCES IN THE EGYPTIAN CAPITAL;

CORRESPONDENT KAYS REPORTED THAT THE PROPOSED DECLARATION  
OF PRINCIPLES COVERS:

1. THE RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND  
INDEPENDENCE;  
2. A TRIPARTITE ISRAELI-JORDANIAN AND PALESTINIAN  
COMMISSION TO OVERSEE THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP  
FOR FIVE YEARS;  
3. AFTER FIVE YEARS: THERE WOULD BE SOME FORM OF  
SELF-DETERMINATION; NOT ONLY FOR PALESTINIANS ON THE  
WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP BUT FOR ISRAELIS;  
JORDANIANS AND EGYPTIANS ALSO LIVING THERE.

5. THE REPORT SAID THAT UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON SINAI  
THE ISRAELIS WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE AREA IN 18 MONTHS,  
WITH A PULLBACK FROM EL ARISH TO RAS MUHAMMAD COMING IN  
THE FIRST THREE MONTHS.

6. ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI WOULD COME UNDER EGYPTIAN  
SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY AND THERE WOULD BE EGYPTIAN  
SETTLEMENTS ALONGSIDE; THE ABC REPORT ADDED.

7. IT ALSO SAID THAT UNDER THE AGREEMENT ISRAEL WOULD  
GET ACCESS TO TWO STRATEGIC AIRFIELDS -- ETZION AND  
OSIRA -- UNTIL THE END OF 1982.

8. ABC ALSO SAID THAT THREE HARD-LINE EGYPTIAN GENERALS  
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VIEWED AS HEROES OF THE 1978 WAR WITH ISRAEL WERE BEING  
RE-ASSIGNED AND THAT THIS HAD CLEARED THE WAY FOR THE  
AGREEMENT. VANCE

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